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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)
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For your information there is attached a memorandum to the Special Group from William P. Bundy concerning the proposal for U. S. air reconnaissance [redacted] The DCI has taken the position that the U. S. should not allow itself to become involved in the [redacted] This is for your guidance, as it also affects the degree of involvement of the Agency.

**Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Executive Director**

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MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL GROUP

SUBJECT: Proposal for U.S. Air Reconnaissance In or From India

Following up our brief discussion at today's meeting, and at the direction of Secretary McNamara, following are the facts concerning the proposal to send U.S. Air Force photo reconnaissance aircraft to India:

1. Contemplated unit would be a small self-contained force of 4-6 RF-101's, which would carry to its station its own capability to process and interpret photos. The aircraft would retain their U.S. markings, and would be operated by U.S. personnel in uniform.

2. The missions would include tactical reconnaissance, but would be restricted to Indian territory under normal circumstances.

3. The aircraft could be positioned in 3-7 days from the date of decision. The base has not been determined, but the likely candidates appear to be Calcutta and possibly Tezpur. The need for reconnaissance appears substantially clearer on the Assam front than in the Ladakh area, although the latter cannot be excluded.

We have prepared a Joint State-Defense message seeking New Delhi views on this proposal, and Mr. Nitze has it with him for discussion within the Harriman Team and with U.S. contacts in India. In the existing political situation, Mr. Talbot believes that it should not be discussed with the Indians themselves, at least pending a clarification of their position on the cease-fire offer.

His memo does not seek a decision by the Special Group as to a firm recommendation to the President at this time. It is merely to alert you to the scope of the proposal in case it should prove to be desirable to seek quick action.

William P. Bundy
Acting

Mr. McGeorge Bundy
Mr. Alexis Johnson
Mr. John McCone

cc:

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

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The DCI talked
to McNamara about this
on phone, and was
very cool toward inviting
US combat type a/c in
front line work. I think
DDI or DDP or DDR should
be advised

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